

REMARKS

Claims 1-72 were pending at the time of the Action.

Claims 1-15, 20-36, 41-72 are rejected.

Claims 16-19, 37-40 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Appropriate amendments have been made to the claims in order to place them in condition of allowance. In particular, claims 16 and 37 have been amended as allowable independent claims.

Claims 3, 4, 6, 7 and 15 have been amended to depend upon allowable independent claim 16.

Claims 5, 17, 18 and 19 as originally presented depend from allowable independent claim 16.

Claims 24, 25, 27, 28 and 36 have been amended to depend upon allowable independent claim 37.

Claims 26, 38, 39 and 40 as originally presented depend from allowable independent claim 37.

Claims 1-2, 8-14, 20-23, 29-35, and 41-72 are cancelled without prejudice.

Accordingly, claims 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 16, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 36, 37, 38, 39 and 40 remain pending.

Conclusion

All pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the present application. Should any issue remain that prevents immediate issuance of the application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney to discuss the unresolved issue.

Respectfully Submitted,

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